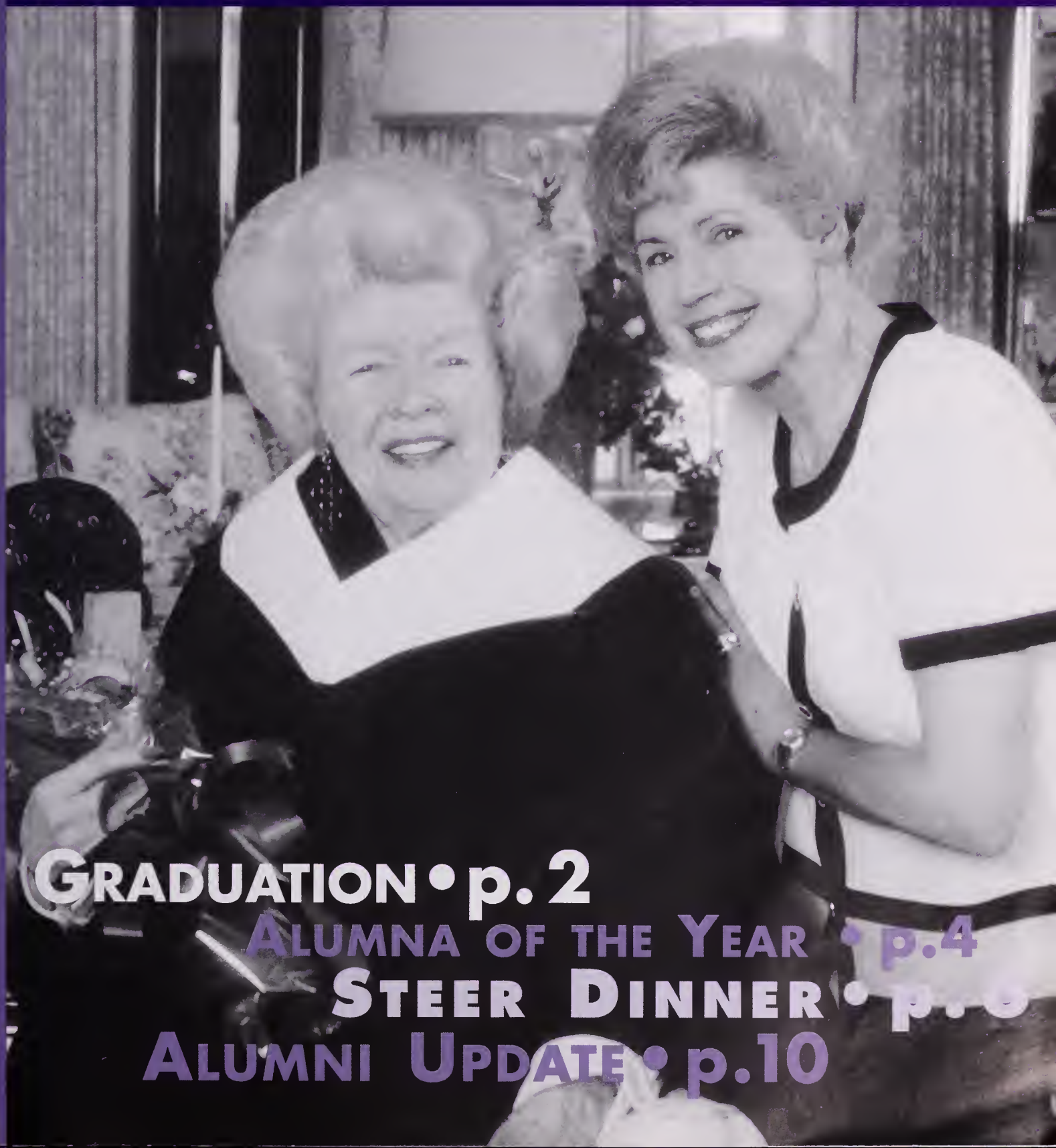


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



You would think that after working with an institution for 24 years you would know just about all there is to know about the organization. In the

case of the relationship between Avila College and myself, I am happy to say this wasn't the case.

I have had the pleasure of serving as Avila's general counsel since 1976 and was a member of both the Board of Counselors and Board of Trustees. However, I did not appreciate the total impact of Avila on our students and community until I became interim president of the college.

Avila has always had the reputation of providing quality education in a caring atmosphere. After a short time on the job, I realized that the description of Avila's faculty and staff as "caring and dedicated" was an understatement. Their untiring efforts and the support of our distinguished alumni and donors go beyond "caring and dedicated."

In talking to the students, it is obvious they value Avila's quality of life and education. You can be justifiably proud of these intelligent students and the Avila faculty and staff that create their pathways to success.

Avila College has progressive and exciting plans for the future. I trust that you will join us in keeping Avila in the forefront of institutions of higher education valued for their quality education and spiritual approaches to life.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Gordon

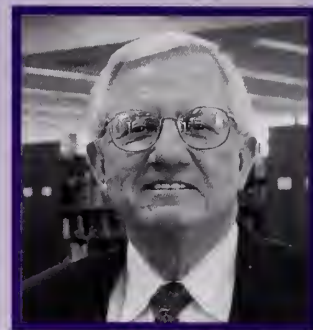
Thomas F. Gordon, J.D., LL.M.
Interim President

Dr. Kramer Steps Down

Avila College announced that its president, Larry Kramer, Ed.D., was stepping down from his position as president, effective May 15, 2000.

Under Dr. Kramer's leadership, the college completed a successful strategic planning process. Currently, in response to growing student interest, Avila is beginning to implement new co-curricular programs, including debate, football, a spirit team and a choral program, and is planning the expansion of its fieldhouse and the construction of a wellness center and a football stadium.

"Larry has served a long tour of duty with us and has done many good things for the college," says Tom Sanders,



chairperson of the Board of Trustees. "The board respects and honors his decision to choose another career path. We wish him all the best."

Thomas F. Gordon will continue as interim president of the college. "Tom is a highly respected member of the Avila community. Students, faculty, staff and alumni are thrilled and confident in his leadership," says Sanders. "We are pleased Tom has agreed to guide us while the Board of Trustees conducts a presidential search. He brings a new vision and a pioneering spirit to our top spot." ■

On The Cover...



Longtime friend and generous supporter Mary Beth Meyers (seated) was given an honorary degree by (from left) Interim President Tom Gordon, Vice President and Academic Dean Sr. Marie Joan Harris, Ph.D., and Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Sanders. Mary Beth's daughter, Anne Mears, appears with her on the cover. ■

GRADUATION 2000

Two-hundred and thirty new alumni were added to the roster on May 13th at Avila's commencement ceremony. Dr. Monika Hellwig, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities gave the commencement address and received an honorary degree.

In her commencement address, Dr. Hellwig stressed the importance of the responsibility of service after graduation. "Higher Education is certainly a privilege. But that privilege becomes an obligation to serve others. It challenges us to think about how things could be, and to act accordingly," says Dr. Hellwig. ■



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Student Scholar Day



Avila College hosted the first annual Student Scholar Day to highlight some of the best work of its students. Faculty from each program of study nominated students who had excelled in their work. The students then displayed their work at the Scholarship Day event which was sponsored by the Aventis Foundation. Seen here, Radiologic Technology class of 2000 graduate Kelly Morris discusses her project with Medical Technology program director Elaine Hostetler. ■

Study Abroad Program Initiated

In the fall semester 2000, Avila students will have the opportunity to get credit for getting off of the campus. Thanks to a partnership with Webster University, Avila students can choose to study abroad at campuses in Geneva, Leiden, Vienna and Cha-am.

Students can choose from undergraduate or graduate courses, as well as full academic-year, single-semester, or short-term courses. Each course is taught in English, and is accredited by Avila's existing accrediting body.

Short term courses generally last two weeks to a month, and are intensive courses that focus on topics that are timely and relevant to the region in which they are presented. Current offerings for the summer include "Art in Vienna: Past and Present" and a "Migration and Refugee Study Trip to India."

For more information about study abroad programs, contact the Academic Dean's office at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2359. ■



From Australia's Woman of the Year to Avila Alumna of the Year

Dr. Linda Lewis Reaby '67, a scientist of international repute, was named Avila's Outstanding Alumni at the 1999 Homecoming celebration. An Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, University of Canberra, Australia, she received the award this past winter during a guest lecture appearance at Avila.

Dr. Reaby's special area of interest is breast cancer, and she has been commended for her many contributions towards awareness, curing and prevention of the disease. The Avila award was the latest of many honors for Dr. Reaby, including the Order of Australia Medal, Australia's Woman of the Year and Achiever of the Year. She also will be a community torch-bearer for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

A native of Kansas City, Dr. Reaby and her sister Lesley Weaver '67 recently were featured in a *Kansas City Star* story that told of the sisters successful efforts to enter the Avila College nursing program. Lesley Weaver is a nurse anesthetist at Baptist Medical Center. ■

Masters in Education Program Revised to help Teacher Shortage

Avila College offers a solution to the much-publicized teacher shortage in the Kansas City area. Avila has been training Master teachers for more than 20 years, and is known for excellence in shaping well-rounded and experienced teachers.

Avila's newly created graduate certification program in education offers students the opportunity to obtain a degree in teacher certification in an accelerated format.

Anyone with a bachelor's degree and an overall GPA of 2.5 is qualified for the pro-

gram. All that is required is a completed application to the college and transcripts of all previous work.

Classes are offered in a five-week schedule so that a student can take all of the education classes they need for certification in just one year. The certification will conclude with an 8-week student teaching session.

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All courses are at the graduate level and are designed so that you can start and stop the program at your convenience. All students will be able to develop a portfolio of all of their work. Individuals may also continue their teaching jobs as a paid internship.

The students in the program also have the unique opportunity of automatically being accepted to the Avila's Master's Completion Program upon completion of the certification program. For more information about the program, please contact Avila Advantage at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2280. ■

2000-01 Goppert Theater Season

Sylvia

September 28

September 29, 30 (8 p.m.); Dinner Theater

Matinee — October 1 (2 p.m.)

Dinner theater precedes evening performances on September 29 & 30; Please call (816) 942-8400 ext. 2299 for reservation. Additional fee required for dinner.

Pride's Crossing

February 22, 23 and 24 (8 p.m.)

Matinee — February 25 (2 p.m.)

Desire Under the Elms

November 16, 17 and 18 (8 p.m.)

Matinee — November 19 (2 p.m.)

Little Shop of Horrors

April 26, 27 and 28 (8 p.m.)

Matinee — April 29 (2 p.m.)

For more information or for tickets call (816) 942-8400 ext. 2299

2000 Steer Dinner Wrap-up

First held in 1977, the Avila College Annual Steer Dinner and Auction is one of the longest running charity auctions in Kansas City. It's a wonderful evening for a great cause... our students. Our honorary chairpersons were Henry and Marion Bloch. The Block Party was held at The Fairmont

Hotel (formerly the Ritz-Carlton). Mary Beth Meyers, longtime friend of Avila, once again served as the event underwriter.

The 2000 Steer Dinner was a tremendous success, raising more than \$275,000 toward student scholarship and other institutional priorities. ■



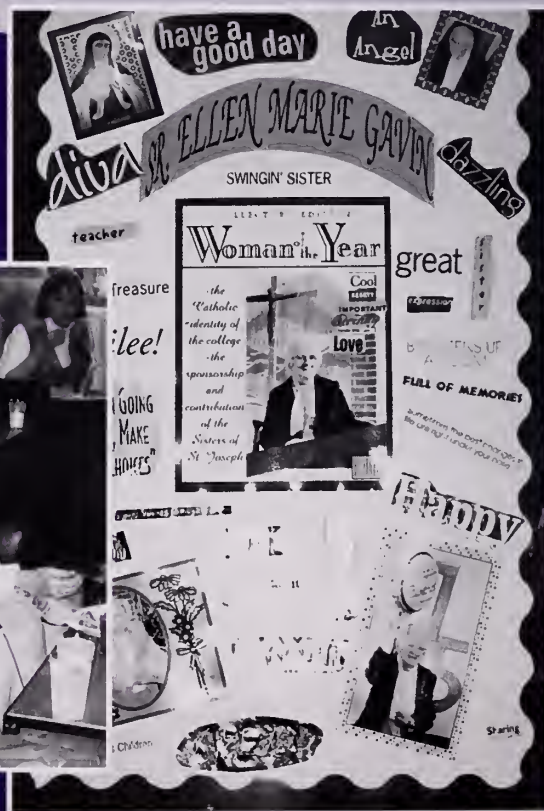
(from left) Neil Kelly '85, Post President Alumni Board, Shelley Willems Kelly '87, and football coach Tim Johnson.



(from left) Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Jeanne Hamilton Olofson '92, Member of Alumni Board and Board of Trustees, Helen Jane Gray Wald '46, President, Avila Alumni Board.

Sisters of St. Joseph Honored at Luncheon

Each year, the Avila College Recognition and Celebration committee coordinate a pot-luck luncheon for the Feast of St. Joseph honoring the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. During this years event, the sisters were pleasantly surprised with photo collages of each sister from years past. In addition to the photo presentations, a video was shown giving the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Shown right, Sr. Ellen Marie Gavin's collage was one of several lining the walls at the banquet. Enjoying the food at the feast was (from left) Sr. Marie Georgette Eschbacher, Sr. Ruth Stuckel, and Sr. Ann Dominic Tassone. ■





...our students

(from left) **Tom Gordon**, Interim President,
Henry Bloch, Honorary Chairperson.

(from left) **Rich Teahan**, **Joanne Judy Teahan '58**, **Virginia Kopp Coppinger '58**, **Tom Coppinger**, **Richard Scott**, Director of Planned Giving, **Bev Lindsey**, Nursing Professor Emerita, **Phyllis Ritts Schroer '65** and **Gary Schroer**

(from left) **Tom Sanders**, Board of Trustees,
Mary Beth Meyers, Event Underwriter, and
Tom Gordon, Interim President.

(Clockwise, from top center) **Henry Bloch**,
Marion Bloch, **Paul and Liz Uhlmann**,
Robert Brown, **Mary Jo Brown**,
Tom Bloch and **Mary Bloch**.

You Can Help Athletics At Avila!

It's an exciting time to be a part of Avila College Athletics! With the introduction of intercollegiate football and a move into the Heart of America Athletic Conference, one of the premier conferences in the NAIA, Avila College Athletics needs your support.

There are many ways to become involved in the athletic program, and each is greatly appreciated by the student-athletes.

One of the best ways you can help is to become a fan. Schedules for upcoming events are posted on the Avila College website, and listed in the Accent prior to each season.

If you would like to support the athletic program financially, the Eagle Club has been restructured to offer more financial levels

of involvement and more opportunities for you to be personally involved. The proceeds of the Eagle Club are used to advance the Athletic Department, and will help create a memorable experience for the student-athletes.

Another way to support athletics at Avila is to help build a proud tradition. Nominate an outstanding alumni athlete for the Hall of Fame. Nominees must have made significant contribution to the athletic programs at Avila and a five-year time lapse since their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

For more information on how you can help, contact Nick Totta, Assistant Athletics Director, at (816) 942-8400, ext. 2343. And you can follow the Eagles on-line at www.Avila.edu. ■

Spring Athletic Schedules

Women's Soccer

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday	9/2/00	Lindenwood University	St. Louis, MO	5p.m.
Sunday	9/3/00	Meramec C.C. (JV)	St. Louis, MO	1p.m.
Monday	9/4/00	Hannibal Lagrange College	St. Louis, MO	12p.m.
Thursday	9/7/00	Missouri Valley College (JV)	Marshall, MO	4p.m.
Saturday	9/9/00	Park College	Parkville, MO	7p.m.
Sunday	9/10/00	Harris Stowe St. Coll.	Avila College	2p.m.
Wednesday	9/13/00	Baker University	Baldwin City, KS	4p.m.
Friday	9/15/00	Tabar College	Avila College	4p.m.
Saturday	9/16/00	Central Christian College	McPherson, KS	1p.m.
Wednesday	9/20/00	St. Mary College	Avila College	1p.m.
Saturday	9/23/00	Missouri Baptist College	St. Louis, MO	6p.m.
Thursday	9/28/00	Johnson County C.C. (JV)	Avila College	4p.m.
Saturday	9/30/00	Central Methodist	Avila College	12p.m.
Tuesday	10/3/00	Graceland College	Avila College	4p.m.
Friday	10/6/00	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	3p.m.
Wednesday	10/11/00	Missouri Valley College	Avila College	2p.m.
Thursday	10/12/00	Doane College	Crete, NE	3p.m.
Thursday	10/19/00	Missouri Valley College (JV)	Avila College	4p.m.
Saturday	10/21/00	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	10a.m.
Wednesday	10/25/00	Ottawa University	Avila College	4p.m.
Saturday	10/28/00	Culver-Stockton College	Avila College	1p.m.
Monday	10/30/00	1st round, HAAC Conf. Tournament	TBA	
Friday	11/3/00	2nd round, HAAC Conf. Tournament	TBA	

Football

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Monday	09/25/2000	Haskell Indian Nations University	Rackhurst HS, Kansas City, MO	7:30 PM
Sunday	10/01/2000	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	2:00 PM
Monday	10/09/2000	Mid-America Nazarene University	Olathe, KS	7:00 PM
Monday	10/16/2000	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	7:00 PM
Monday	10/23/2000	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	3:00 PM
Sunday	10/29/2000	Baker University	Rackhurst HS, Kansas City, MO	1:30 PM

Volleyball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday	08/22/2000	KCKCC (Scrimmage)	Kansas City, KS	6:00 PM
Thursday	08/31/2000	Haskell Indian Nations (Scrimmage)	Lawrence, KS	7:00 PM
Friday	09/01/2000	HAAC Preseason Tournament	Lamoni, IA	TBA
Saturday	09/02/2000	HAAC Preseason Tournament	Lamoni, IA	TBA
Tuesday	09/05/2000	Baker University	Baldwin City, KS	7:00 PM
Friday	09/08/2000	Missouri Baptist Tournament	Saint Louis, MO	TBA
Saturday	09/09/2000	Missouri Baptist Tournament	Saint Louis, MO	TBA
Tuesday	09/12/2000	Central Methodist College	Avila College	7:00 PM
Tuesday	09/19/2000	Evangel University	Springfield, MO	7:00 PM
Friday	09/22/2000	Bethel College Tournament	North Newton, KS	TBA
Saturday	09/23/2000	Bethel College Tournament	North Newton, KS	TBA
Tuesday	09/26/2000	Lindenwood University	Avila College	7:00 PM
Tuesday	10/03/2000	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	7:00 PM
Tuesday	10/10/2000	Benedictine College	Avila College	7:00 PM
Saturday	10/14/2000	Avila Invitational	Avila College	TBA
Tuesday	10/17/2000	Culver-Stockton College	Canton, MO	7:00 PM
Thursday	10/19/2000	Graceland University	Avila College	7:00 PM
Tuesday	10/24/2000	Mid-America Nazarene University	Olathe, KS	7:00 PM
Tuesday	10/31/2000	William Jewell College	Avila College	7:00 PM

Men's Soccer

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday	09/02/2000	Lindenwood University	Saint Charles, MO	7:00 PM
Monday	09/04/2000	Hannibal LeGrange College	Hannibal, MO	2:00 PM
Saturday	09/09/2000	Harris-Stowe State College	Avila College	4:00 PM
Friday	09/15/2000	Tabar College	Avila College	2:00 PM
Monday	09/18/2000	Baker University	Baldwin City, KS	5:00 PM
Wednesday	09/20/2000	Saint Mary College	Avila College	3:00 PM
Saturday	09/23/2000	Missouri Baptist College	Saint Louis, MO	8:00 PM
Saturday	09/30/2000	Central Methodist College (Homecoming)	Avila College	2:00 PM
Tuesday	10/03/2000	Graceland University	Avila College	2:00 PM
Friday	10/06/2000	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	5:00 PM
Wednesday	10/11/2000	Missouri Valley College	Avila College	4:00 PM
Sunday	10/15/2000	Briar Cliff College	Avila College	2:00 PM
Wednesday	10/18/2000	Newman University	Wichita, KS	3:00 PM
Saturday	10/21/2000	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	12:00 PM
Sunday	10/22/2000	Iowa Wesleyan College	Avila College	11:00 AM
Wednesday	10/25/2000	Ottawa University	Avila College	2:00 PM
Saturday	10/28/2000	Culver-Stockton College	Avila College	3:00 PM

Baseball Team Wins MCAC Championship Ranked # 1 in Region, Coach Huber named Coach of the Year.

The Avila College baseball team, led by Coach James Huber, Sr., was ranked #1 in the Great Plains region and #21 in the nation. Coach Huber was named Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

Avila defeated Bellevue on Sunday, April 30, with a 1-0 win to clinch the conference championship. Justin Thurman pitched a

complete game and improved his record to 9-0 while Avila improved to 44-18, the most wins in Avila history.

MCAC First Team All-Conference Honors were awarded to Justin Thurman, Brad Daisa, and Jason Gay ■.

Softball Team Advances to Regionals

With a season record of 34-19, the women's Eagle softball team is continuing to be the champions that would have made the late Coach Dennis Gault proud. Taking 3rd in both the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) and the Great Plains Region was an accomplishment interim Coach Michael Crozier sees as championship quality.

"They overcame the tragic loss of Coach Gault in the fall and presented themselves as winners and great individuals through the entire situation," Crozier says. "The Avila College softball team had an outstanding season. This group had a good record and great postseason finishes in both playoff tournaments. They are a group that the college can be proud of in many ways."

Postseason honors went to:

First Team all MCAC

Jinny Chapman
Christina Delgado
Keri Wien

Honorable Mention MCAC

Megan Palcher
Joy Jacobs
Becky Wywadis

Second Team all MCAC

Melissa Vasko

All Region First Team:

Jinny Chapman
Christina Delgado
Keri Wien

Tailgate Party



Pre-game

first Avila Football Game

September 25th

Rockhurst High School Stadium

17th Annual Golf Classic

September 26th

Loch Lloyd Country Club

Homecoming

September 29-October 1

Honoring the Classes of '30, '40, '50, '60, '75 and '90

Contact the alumni office for participation in planning or attending each of the above events.

Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73
816-942-8400 ext. 2200
Clarkme@mail.avila.edu

Coach Gault Lane

Former Avila softball coach Dennis Gault was given a prominent place near all Avila College athletics with a street sign in his honor outside of the Mabee Fieldhouse. Gault passed away in November 1999. The sign was generously donated at the 2000 Annual Steer Dinner and Auction by Gallagher and Associates.

Seen here, the 2000 softball team shares the unveiling of the sign prior to their departure for the regional softball tournament in Nebraska. The Eagles were coached by (from left) Director of Athletics Michael Crozier, Assistant Director of Athletics and head men's basketball coach Nick Totta, Gault's wife, Rikki Gault, and Avila softball alumna Monica Bullock, '99. ■



Alumni

U P D A T E

BIRTHS

1 9 8 0 's

Catherine Quintis BSN '82 and her husband of 12 years, John Lynn, announce the birth of their third child, Keely Anne Lynn on January 6, 2000. What a great way to begin a new century!

Teresa Flucke Baggerly '86 and her husband Louis are the proud parents of a new son born May 19, 2000.

Anna Elizabeth Shapiro was born in May to alumnae **Leslie Couch Shapiro '81** and former faculty member Dr. Charlie Shapiro.

1 9 9 0 's

Shannah and Isaiah Hultman '99 became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Michael Paige Hultman, in March of 2000.

NEWS

1 9 3 0 's

Sister Marie Tucker '36 led a group of Avila students to Juarez, Mexico this past January for a week long mission trip that was part of a interdisciplinary studies course. Sister taught English as a second language to international students for many years at Avila.

1 9 6 0 's

Mary Margaret Richardson '65 is retiring from the U. S. Food and Drug Administration after 35 years. Mary was one of the first 5 women in the FDA program.

1 9 7 0 's

Judy Fecher Hohn '71 was named Small Business Person of the Year recently for her successful ownership of her Spa, Serenity Rejuvenating Day Spa located in Overland Park, KS.

Ruth Campos '74 was named the director of religious education position for two Kansas City, KS parishes. This is Ruth's after retirement job- she taught Spanish at Sumner Academy for 20 years!

1 9 8 0 's

Jeanne Lillig-Patterson '80 has formed a not-for-profit organization in Kansas City called Momspeak, Inc. Jeanne and others hope that Momspeak will give parents the opportunity to address issues that affect the well being of families and children.

Fr. Craig Maxim '84 is now a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Kansas City. Father Maxim is currently at Nativity Parish in Leawood. Fr. Maxim is also a pastry chef and lecturer.

K. Eric Flink MBA '85 received a Master of Divinity degree in May 2000 from the Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Flink is involved in several Kansas City, Missouri congregation's children's ministry programs and also served in small group and healing prayer teams throughout Kansas City. He and his wife Diane have 4 grown children.

1 9 9 0 's

Rick Truman '91 has joined the staff of The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation as a administrative assistant for learning programs in the area of high-growth entrepreneurs.

Nancy Fennesy '92 was named Lee's Summit R-7 School District's Teacher of the Year.

Travis Holt '95 completed courses in biology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1997. He then worked in St. Louis at Monsanto on a diabetes research project for 2 years. Travis is currently attending medical school at Southern Illinois University and will graduate in 2003.

Chris McClish '96 (a graduate of the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology program) is a licensed therapist in Kansas who is a clinical counselor and therapist at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He has worked in management for the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in Kansas and was formerly the addictions and dual disorders director at Charter Hospital. His recent editorial on the Stigma of Mental Illness was published recently in the Kansas City Star.

Chuck Wolken MBA '97 is a manager at Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc. consulting services.

Patricia Lo Presti-Forget MBA '98 is an Engineer & Human Resource Manager with Thomson CSF in France.

2 0 0 0 's

Kim Warren '00 and **Terrell Tigner '00** have joined the staff of Avila College as Admissions Representatives.

Soon to be alum **Tamara Scharfenkamp '00** was married to Theodore Bollard in May 2000. Tamara will receive her master's in counseling psychology this August.

DEATHS

Alumni Deaths

Margaret Franey McMahon '35 died in February, 2000. Margaret was a recipient of the Avila Medal of Honor.

Carl Batliner, brother of Kathryn Dierks '43, died this spring.

Tom Swartz, son of Mary Beth Malice Swartz '47, passed away in April.

Geraldine Carrigan '49 died March 18th in Pueblo, Colorado.

Estella Garner Guinn, a former nursing student, passed away in January 2000.

Marguerite Trabon, a former student of business at Avila College died March 22, 2000.

Don Tabberer's '74 mother passed away in February, 2000.

John Robert Woolridge '75 died in April after a battle with cancer. He had long career with the KC/St. Joseph Archdiocese.

Executive Roster Gets 2 New Vice Presidents

Following Tom Lease's retirement (see *Accent Winter 1999*), Joseph Deighton, J.D., Associate Dean for Student Affairs, was promoted to the position of Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs. Deighton came to Avila College from Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio in July 1998. At Walsh, Deighton helped facilitate the incorporation of inter-collegiate football and the construction of a new residence hall on campus, an obvious benefit to Avila College at this stage in the institution's growth.

Also joining the college's executive committee will be new Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Dr. John M. Scarpitti. Scarpitti comes to Avila College from LaSalle University in Mandeville, Louisiana. He served as Chief Executive Officer at LaSalle for three years, and was involved in all aspects of the University, including accreditation, national distance education councils, community civic groups, business leaders, and the Louisiana Board of Regents. Prior to his tenure at LaSalle, Scarpitti served nine years as the number-two officer at The University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. Scarpitti was responsible for business and financial affairs, student affairs, fund raising, and higher education administration. ■

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website,
www.Avila.edu.



Tradition of Nursing Excellence Scholarship

This Scholarship began in honor of the leadership of Avila's Nursing Department in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Celebration of our baccalaureate nursing program. This was the first endowed nursing scholarship created for our students. Ninety five percent of the gifts received in support of this endowed scholarship have been made by Avila nursing alumni. Interested donors are encouraged to contact the Advancement department regarding contributions to this vital support for future nursing students.

Avila Advantage's Randy Allen Wins Award

Avila Advantage Director of Faculty and Curriculum Randy Allen was chosen for recognition by the Northland Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Higher Education Award. Allen, who manages the Northland campus at Farmland Industries, taught multiple sections of theology classes at the UAW-Ford location, and represents Avila College on the Education Committee for the Northland Chamber of Commerce.

Radio Helps Recruit Spirit Team, Other Ads Win National Awards

Kansas City radio hears a dose of ... Avila Cheerleading? As a kickoff for the inaugural season of Avila's Spirit Team, a 60 second radio commercial was recorded and aired on the five top teen stations in Kansas City. Four of next years spirit team members say they heard about Avila's program and applied to the college because of the commercial.

Avila's Community Relations office was also honored with two awards from Admissions Marketing Report, a national awards competition with more than 5,000 entries. Avila won a bronze award for direct mail, and was recognized for the top advertising series in the country with a gold award.

Dr. Linda Cleveland Honored

Dr. Linda Cleveland, Associate Professor of Chemistry, was honored at the American Chemical Society's (ACS) Kenneth A. Spencer Dinner for her outstanding work as the Chairperson of the Kansas City Section of the ACS. Dr. Cleveland was presented with the Kenneth A. Spencer Medal at a dinner to recognize her work.

Nursing Alumna Wins Teaching Award

Sally Ellis Fletcher '72, Assistant Professor of Nursing at William Jewell College, received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Northland Chamber of Commerce. The honor was presented at the Excellence in Education banquet held April 25 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Fletcher has been a member of the William Jewell faculty since 1994. She earned her bachelor's in nursing from Avila College in 1972, her master's in nursing in 1989 from UMKC, and her post master's nurse practitioner's and women's health care certificate in 1999 from UMKC.

LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Our Avila College Alumni Association Board can claim an impressive number of accomplishments over the past year which will have a significant impact on our college. What an honor and privilege it has been for me to have served as your association president. With the collaboration of dedicated board members and a supportive alumni office, our goals for this year, and more were met.

Achievements of this year include:

- *Building membership in the Booster Club:*

With your support we have seen an increase in attendance at athletic events, financial support of our athletic programs and participation in event planning. The excitement of the addition of new programs will give each of us additional opportunities to join in the support of our Eagles.

- *Expansion of the Alumni Network:*

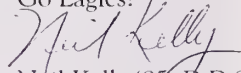
The past year so many of you offered our alumni, students and the entire Avila community your services in the spirit of generosity that is a consistent value of Avila's alumni. As this very rich program continues to expand, I encourage each of you to become involved. If you have not experienced the excitement of moving in a new student, the reward of the smile from a student who had almost forgotten the taste of home baked cookies or the satisfaction of knowing that your conversation assisted a recruit in their college decision, make a promise to your self to become involved in this fun program in the coming year.

In addition to our two primary goals, many other achievements should be highlighted. The alumni office has coordinated the completion of our Alumni Survey and Directory, the number of alumni contacting the office through our website has tripled and we are developing a marketing plan for the association to name a few. Each of these activities is essential to the activity of primary importance to the success of our association and that is communication. With further progress in these initiatives in the next years, we will continue to see a vibrant alumni group supporting our alma mater.

I marvel at the dedication and commitment of the individuals who make all of these activities successful. As I continue to serve on your executive committee as past president, I will focus continued attention on my work with the Athletic Booster Club. Thanks and a note of appreciation goes to Leslie Shapiro '81, Rudy Gonzalez '79, Kim Sheek '82 and Rob Brown '84 for their service on the executive committee this year. Please congratulate with me, our new officers: President Helen Jane Gray Wald '46, President Elect Greg Lever '85, Vice President Kim Sheek '82 and Secretary Carole Kennedy '88. As they lead our association's course, may your support be as effective as it has been this year.

Thank you for the rich opportunity to serve Avila College and you, our alumni.

Go Eagles!



Neil Kelly '85, D.D.S.

Avila Alumni Association President

Alumni EVENTS Calendar

September 25, 2000Avila Tailgate & First Football Game
 September 26, 2000.....17th Annual Avila Golf Classic
 Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2000.....Homecoming Weekend
 November 4, 2000.....Alumni Basketball Games

December 3, 2000Cocoa and Carols
 December 12, 2000Food for Finals
 March 31, 2001.....Annual Steer Dinner
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